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MAJOR STORIES OF THE DAY

ALL NETS BRIEFLY NOTED (CBS LEAD) THE UNEXPLAINED CANCELLATION OF PARIS TALKS ON TUES. THERE'LL BE SESSION WED. AND SPECULATION IS THAT OPEN DAY TUES. WAS TO ALLOW STUDY OF THE LENGTHY DOUBLE SESSION MONDAY. THINGS STILL SEEM ON SCHEDULE, SAID NBC.

NBC/CBS FILM OF ROGERS SAYING "A FOUNDATION HAS BEEN MADE" FOR AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN US-CUBA ON HIJACKERS. COULD BE REACHED EARLY NEXT YEAR -- UNLESS, SAID KALB, THE WH CHANGES ITS MIND.

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UPI SAYS RZ SHED NO LIGHT ON POSTPONEMENT, SAYING ONLY, "IT WAS MUTUALLY AGREED THE 2 SIDES WOULD MEET WED." US WILL PICK SITE -- PREVIOUSLY CHOSEN BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT....AP NOTED SPECULATION THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WAS A RUSE TO MISLEAD NEWSMEN AND THAT SECRET RENDEVOUS WAS PLANNED....AP SAID THERE WAS NOTHING TO INDICATE IF PAUSE MEANT PROGRESS OR LACK OF IT.

UPI SAYS NO SNAG WAS APPARENT AND SOURCES REMAINED OPTIMISTIC AGREEMENT COULD BE INITIALED BY DEC. 15...

UPI SAYS HAK SOUGHT TO SQUELCH REPORTS HE MIGHT BE SPENDING SOME OF HIS TIME DALLYING RATHER THAN NEGOTIATING. NOTING POST STORY THAT HE'D PICKED UP UNIDENTIFIED BLONDE ON THE LEFT BANK, UPI SAYS HAK ASKED RN TO TELL PRESS TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE UNDERSTOOD HE WORKED WELL INTO THE NIGHT "WHICH HE DID", ADDED RZ, WHO THEN TOLD REPORTERS HAK DROPPED BY AMB. WATSON'S WHERE HE MET A US OFFICIAL AND WIFE WHO GAVE HIM A RIDE BACK TO EMBASSY.

CBS NOTED GVN OFFICIALS IN SVN SAID SECRET AGREEMENT IN WHICH NVN WOULD PLEDGE TO WITHDRAW NVA, BUT W/OUT WRITTEN PUBLIC AGREEMENT IS BEING WORKED ON. THE S. VIETS SAID THIS WOULD REDUCE SAIGON OPPOSITION W/OUT EMBARRASSING HANOI...UPI SAYS SAIGON DISPATCHES INDICATED SVN STILL EXPECTED AN EARLY CEASE-FIRE.

INFLUENTIAL TIN SONG QUOTED SVN OFFICIALS CLOSE TO THE NEGOTIATIONS AS SAYING WHILE THEY DON'T EXPECT THE US TO SIGN A BILATERAL AGREEMENT W/NVN, THEY BELIEVE A NUMBER OF POW'S WILL BE RETURNED HOME FOR XMAS. AP SAID THE REPORT WAS INTERPRETED IN SOME CIRCLES AS MEANING THAT EVEN IF NO AGREEMENT IS SIGNED BY XMAS, SOME POWS WOULD BE RELEASED, POSSIBLY AS PROPAGANDA TO INDUCE US TO CONCLUDE A TREATY.

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SIDELINES, COLLINGWOOD ON CBS/AM SAID IT APPEARS HAK AND THO HOLD
THE KEYS FOR PEACE, BUT SOUNDS OF ANGUISH COME FROM GVN OFFICIALS
WHO SAY THEY CAN'T SIGN BY DEC. 15 AND WON'T UNTIL NVA W/DRAWAL
IS AGREED UPON. COLLINGWOOD SAID US FUDGES OVER THIS BY SAYING THEY
HAVE UNWRITTEN AGREEMENT FOR W/DRAWAL, BUT GVN WANTS IT MORE EXPLICIT
THAN THAT. COLLINGWOOD SAID IT SEEMS GVN IS STUMBLING BLOCK AGAIN,
ADDING THAT 3 YEARS AGO HAK WROTE THAT US MIGHT WIND UP APPLYING
PRESSURE TO GVN TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT. HAK SAID NEGOTIATIONS
WOULDN'T BE EASY, SAID COLLINGWOOD, AND THEY ARE PROVING TO BE
DIFFICULT.

IF SVN IS INTERESTED IN CEASEFIRE, IT'S "A DEEP DARK SECRET,"
SAID MUDD PRECEDING FILM FROM DELTA WHERE TENS OF THOUSANDS TURNED
OUT IN THE MOST ELABORATE ANTI-COALITION DEMONSTRATION YET. MANY
FLAGS, SAID DAVIS OF CBS, BUT HE EMPHASIZED LACK OF EMOTION AND
COMMITMENT ON PART OF CIVILIANS, MANY OF WHOM SIMPLY SAID THEY'D
BEEN TOLD TO PARTICIPATE BY THEIR HAMLET CHIEFS. IT MAY BE GVN'S
FINAL PRE-SETTLEMENT MOVE IN HOPES WORLD WILL SEE "REAL" SUPPORT
OF SVN PEOPLE FOR THE GOV'T., SAID DAVIS....UPI SAYS ABOUT 200,000
WERE LARGEST SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS IN SVN'S 18-YEAR HISTORY
TO DENOUNCE COMMUNISM AND VC.

GVN SAID VC PLANNED TO MASSACRE THE LARGEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF
GVN OFFICIALS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE A CEASE-FIRE.... CAPTURED DOCUMENTS
SHOW VC ARE UNDER ORDERS TO CONTINUE FIGHTING IF THE US SIGNS A
SEPARATE AGREEMENT AND GVN REFUSES TO GO ALONG.

EMK SAYS SVN CIVILIANS HAVE TAKEN THEIR "MOST FEROCIOUS BEATING
OF THE WAR" IN '72, W/65,000 KILLED, AND "FLOW OF REFUGEES (2M)
AND CIVILIAN CASUALTIES CONTINUES AT AN ALARMING RATE."

HANOI CLAIMED MORE THAN 500 SVN POLITICAL PRISONERS WENT ON A
2-WEEK FAST IN SEPT. TO PROTEST TREATMENT. AP SAYS THIS IS VIEWED
AS PART OF NVN'S CONTINUING CAMPAIGN FOR RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS...

HANOI HAS BEEN PUT ON FULL ALERT AGAIN, INDICATING NVN FELT US
MIGHT RESUME BOMBING IN AREA, IF AGREEMENT ISN'T CONCLUDED SOON.

ROYSTER, NOTING ALL SETTLEMENTS OF PAST 20TH C WARS HAVE BROUGHT
OUTCRIES AND RECRIMINATIONS, SAYS SAME WILL BE TRUE W/VN SETTLEMENT
NO MATTER WHAT IT CONTAINS. SAIGON WON'T LIKE IT AS MANY WILL WONDER
OF THEIR FUTURE; NVN WON'T LIKE IT AS IT'LL BE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF THEIR FAILURE TO MILITARILY TAKE SVN; US HAWKS
WON'T LIKE IT AS THEY SEE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR VICTORY; AND US DOVES
WON'T LIKE IT AS IT COMES TOO LATE AND WILL LEAVE THIEU'S "REPRESSIVE"
GOVT. IN CONTROL. US RECRIMINATIONS ARE ALREADY NOTICEABLE AND ROYSTER
POINTS OUT ALL SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN IT WAS HANOI, NOT SAIGON,
THAT STARTED WAR. HE PREDICTS US WILL LOOK FOR "VILLAINS," AND WONDER
WHO THEY'LL BE -- JFK, LBJ, RUSK, GENERALS, OR RN WHO DIDN'T

EVEN GET NO INFO INTO THE MARCH 11 TRY TO BE AN EXCEPTION. FOR WHATEVER
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ELSE AMERICANS FEEL, THERE WAS NOTHING DISHONORABLE IN TRYING TO
PREVENT THE AGGRESSION. IT WAS A BLUNDER NOT TO RECOGNIZE LIMITS
OF US POWER BUT THE JOURNAL WRITER WON'T QUIBBLE OVER WHETHER
RN COULD HAVE ENDED EARLIER OR WHETHER ANYONE IS PLEASED W/SETTLE-
MENT. HE'LL JUST BE GLAD A WAR THAT TORE US APART IS OVER.

POST-DISPATCH SAYS A GROUP OF SAN DIEGO BUSINESSMEN ARE PLANNING
A WELCOMING PARTY FOR RELEASED POWS. PLANS ARE FOR \$2,000 VACATIONS
FOR THE MEN AND FAMILIES AND HOPEFULLY \$5,000 OF GIFTS FOR EACH
POW.

FOR 1ST TIME SINCE EARLY IN OFFENSIVE, COMMUNISTS FIRED ROCKETS
AT TAN SON NHUT.

CBS AM REPORT ON VIEWER MAIL. ONE FEARS BOMBING AND SHELLING MAY
BE CREATING MORE CASUALTIES THAN EVER BEFORE
FOPIE ADMIN CONTENTION

IT'S WINDING DOWN WAR. ANOTHER SAID THAT IN SPITE OF CBS ATTEMPTS
TO SELL OUT THE US, RN IS WINNING THE WAR --"THANK GOD, CBS ISN'T
RUNNING THE COUNTRY."

EAST-WEST

FOR THE 1ST TIME SINCE WWII, A SHIP CARRYING USSR FLAG DOCKED IN
HOUSTON TO CARRY PART OF THE WHEAT, NBC FILM FOLLOWED NOTE OF POSSIBLE
PETERSON ELEVATION....MARITIME'S CURRAN SAID HE WAS AFRAID US IS
NOT LIVING UP TO DEAL TO SHIP 1/3 THE GRAIN IN US SHIPS. HE'S
BEEN HEARING "RAMORS THEY MAY BE GETTING LESS."

ABC NOTED THAT USSR ANNOUNCED A NATL. FARMERS COMPETITION FOR
WORKERS HARVESTING MOST GRAIN IN '73. AP NOTES USSR HAD LITTLE
LUCK FIRING UP FARMERS W/SLOGANS IN '71, AND THAT DESPITE EFFORTS,
THE USSR STILL CAN'T CONTROL THE WEATHER. ...ABC SAID OBVIOUS
REASON FOR COMPETITION WAS THE BAD HARVEST, ONE OF WORST EVER
AND ATTRIBUTED TO WEATHER. STILL, RUSS WON'T BE SHORT AS 25M TON
SHORTFALL IN OWN CROP IS BEING MADE UP BY 28M TONS FROM ABROAD.
BREAD AND FOODSTUFFS WILL GET PRIORITY AS KREMLIN REALIZES ANY
DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OR RISE IN PRICE WOULD CAUSE REAL PROBLEMS.
IT'S THE NEEDS OF LIVESTOCK WHICH WON'T BE MET.

NATO'S EUROGROUP OF 10 PLEDGED TO SPEND \$1-1/2B MORE ON
DEFENSE IN 1973, HOPING TO HELP RN HEAD OFF HILL PRESSURE FOR GI
CUTS. BUT, SAYS AP, IT SEEMED CLEAR THAT RISING PRICES WOULD
SWALLOW UP NEARLY ALL THE INCREASE. ..."THE TIME MAY BE RIPE FOR
A FURTHER REDUCTION IN TENSION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST," BENTSEN
SAID. HE'LL CALL A MEETING IN FEB. OF A NATO SUBCOMM. TO DISCUSS
FORCE REDUCTIONS.

AP SAYS THAT DESPITE THE BASIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN E AND W AT
ECSC PREPS, AN ATMOSPHERE OF ACCOMMODATION ALSO WAS APPARENT.

EUROPEAN SOURCES SAID USSR HAS MAPPED AN AMBITIOUS STRATEGY FOR
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QW N*GLOBAL POLICY. THEY SAY THE FAR EAST SECURITY CONC IS STILL
IN EARLY STAGES, BUT MOSCOW IS DETERMINEDLY PUSHING FOR IT. ...
BRITAIN SAID THE BALANCE OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN EUROPE IS TILTED
IN FAVOR OF MOSCOW AND WARNED EUROPE MUST KEEP UP ITS GUARD WHILE
NEGOTIATING.

MHH LOOKS FOR "CONSIDERABLE" EXPANSION OF POLISH-US AGRIC. TRADE.

OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS

PRC CHARGED AT UN THAT "A TINY ISRAEL DARES TO PLAY THE BULLY
AND RUN AMOK" IN MID EAST BECAUSE US STANDS BEHIND IT AND
BECAUSE USSR IS TRICKING THE ARABS. RUSSIA'S MALIK RETORTED THAT
PRC ENGAGED IN ANTI-SOVIET "SLANDER, INSINUATION AND DEMAGOGUERY"
THAT HELPS US AND COINCIDES WITH ISRAELI POLICIES. IT WOULD NOT BE
SURPRISING IF MEIR CAME TO UN "AND EXTENDED WARMEST THANKS" TO
PRC, MALIK SAID. PRC'S HUANG HUA SAID THE USSR "IS MORE DECEPTIVE
AND MORE DANGEROUS THAN OLD-LINE IMPERIALISM" SUCH AS PRACTICED
BY USA. ...NEITHER HE NOR MALIK MENTIONED THE BUSH SUGGESTION THAT
REOPENING THE CANAL MIGHT BE AN INTERIM STEP TO PEACE.

SYRIA CANCELLED LEAVES AND ORDERED ALERT IN ~~EX~~^PPECTATION OF
MASSIVE ISRAELI ATTACK W/IN 2 DAYS. AN NAHAR SAYS TARGET WILL
BE NEW SOVIET SAM SITES.

ALL NETS NOTED FOUR DIED IN N. IRELAND AS IRA, FIGHTING W/
BACKS TO THE WALL, LAUNCHED AN OFFENSIVE ACROSS THE PROVINCE.
AT LEAST 1 INNOCENT WAS KILLED BY BRITISH, NOTED NETS.

CHURCH SAID DESPITE ITT'S "SUSPICION AND HOSTILITY," HE'LL
GO AHEAD W/INVESTIGATION OF ITS ACTIONS IN CHILE AND OTHER CORPORATIONS'
IMPACT ON US FOREIGN POLICY. ...ABC NOTED ITT DENIED ALLENDE CHARGES.

ABC FILM OF WARM FAMILY AND COMMUNITY RECEPTION FOR AN INDIAN SOLDIER
REPATRIATED IN INDIA-PAK DEAL. ARMY IN HIGH-ESTEEM AND SOLDIERS
ARE HEROES, SAID ABC'S JENNINGS, NOTING THAT IT WAS A GREAT TIME
OF PEACE FOR THE FAMILY -- THE 1ST IN OVER A YEAR.

DEFENSE

LOUIS STOKES SAID A BLACK MC SHOULD BE ON THE PANEL INVESTIGATING
KITTY HAWK AND SAID EFFORTS TO HAVE ON TEMPORARILYADDED HAD BEEN
UNSUCCESSFUL. HE CALLED THE PROBE A "TRAVESTY OF JUSTICE." ...ABC
NOTED CAUCUS CALLED FOR A BLACK TO BE ADDED TO HOUSE ARMED SERVICES
COMMITTEE.

ABC NOTED A FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTED 98 IN BUFFALO FOR
VIOLATING THE SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT.

PROXMIRE SAYS USAF FINDINGS THAT F-111 IS SOUND AND SHOULDN'T
BE GROUNDED IN VN IS "TOTALLY UNSATISFACTORY."